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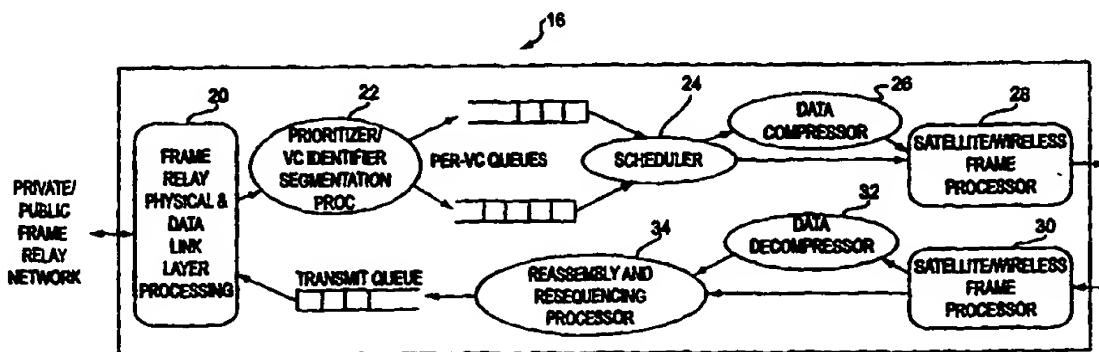
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(54) Title: METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR TRANSPORT OF FRAME RELAY TRAFFIC OVER SATELLITE/WIRELESS NETWORKS



(57) Abstract

To efficiently transmit frame relay packets between terrestrial frame relay networks (10, 12) over a satellite/wireless network (14), the packets are processed by frame relay processors (16, 18) at both ends of the satellite/wireless network (14). Variable length frame relay packets are segmented into smaller packets called spackets. The system utilizes priority queueing and a scheduler (24) transmits the spackets over the satellite/wireless link. To enhance the quality of the satellite/wireless link, each frame contains a variable number of Reed-Solomon (RS) check bytes used for error correction. Further, several frames are interleaved before transmission over the satellite/wireless link to spread the effect of burst errors over several frames. Additionally, a header compression technique saves bandwidth by compressing a Virtual Circuit (VC) identifier of the frame relay packet into a smaller value and maps the VCs to a value as specified by the size of the compressed VC field.

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A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

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B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)

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C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category*	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
X	US 4,745,599 A (RAYCHAUDHURI) 17 MAY 1988, abstract, lines 3-19; col. 4, lines 14-35; col. 6, lines 28-40 and 50-63	1, 7-8, 12-19, 21-22, 24, 30-31, 35-42, 44-45 ----- 6, 10-11, 29, 33-34
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Y,P	US 5,812,554 A (KADAMBI et al) 22 September 1998, Figures 4a-4c	6, 10-11, 29, 33-34

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- II Priority
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- IV Lack of unity of invention
- V Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
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V. Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement**1. STATEMENT**

Novelty (N)	Claims <u>1-46</u>	YES
	Claims <u>NONE</u>	NO
Inventive Step (IS)	Claims <u>NONE</u>	YES
	Claims <u>1-46</u>	NO
Industrial Applicability (IA)	Claims <u>1-46</u>	YES
	Claims <u>NONE</u>	NO

2. CITATIONS AND EXPLANATIONS

Claims 1-46 meet the criteria set out in PCT Article 33(2)-(4), because the prior art does not teach or fairly suggest a satellite or wireless network that receives frame relay packets, segments the packets, schedules the segmented packets according to the frame relay priority, and transmits the segmented packets in order of priority.

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